

SOUTHERN VIEW BULLETIN

**TO BETTER INFORM THE
CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY**

DECEMBER 2007-JANUARY 2008

MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2008

January 14, 2008	July 14, 2008
February 11, 2008	August 11, 2008
March 10, 2008	September 8, 2008
April 14, 2008	October 13, 2008
May 12, 2008	November 10, 2008
June 9, 2008	December 8, 2008

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR THE OFFICE AND GARAGE FOR 2008

Jan. 1, 2008	New Year's Day	Tuesday
Jan.21,2008	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday
Feb.18,2008	President's Day	Monday
May 26,2008	Memorial Day	Monday
July 4, 2008	Independence Day	Friday
Sept. 1, 2008	Labor Day	Monday
Nov. 11, 2008	Veteran's Day	Tuesday
Nov. 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday
Nov. 28, 2008	Day After Thanksgiving	Friday
Dec. 25, 2008	Christmas Day	Thursday

COLD WEATHER TIP

**Wear a hat!!!! Half of your body heat
loss can be from your head.**

SNOW REMOVAL

Snow season is fast approaching. As we all know the weather in Illinois can change very quickly. In order to keep our streets in the best condition possible during snowy weather, we ask that you remove vehicles from the streets during snow removal. The snowplow can do a better job clearing streets when cars are not there to obstruct them. If they are left on the streets they will very likely have quite a bit of snow buildup around them, once the plow goes by.

CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Although the Limb Pickup Program is suspended until next Spring, there will be a Christmas Tree pickup. After you have stripped your tree of all its glory, place it at the edge of the road. The Public Works crew will pickup trees after Christmas through January 15, 2008.

FALL LEAF VACUUMING PROJECT

We thank the residents of the Village who took advantage of the annual leaf pickup program. The Public Works Department spent several weeks vacuuming leaves. Thanks to that department for their hard work and dedication. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this yearly project rather than burn, to save our environment.

Remember that burning of yard waste is a privilege allowed by Ordinance No. 97-04-01. If you have questions, refer to the yellow burn card which was attached to the October-November Bulletin or call the village office from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday. The burning ordinance in Southern View allows only yard waste to be burned. Violations of this ordinance can result in a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00. Burning barrels are illegal. Also, as always, a few people put their leaves in bags rather than raked to the curve. If they are in bags, you will need to place a sticker on them so your waste hauler will take the bags.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY!!!! THE LIFE YOU SAVE
MAY BE YOUR OWN.**

FALL & WINTER FIRE SAFETY

The time to think about fire safety is before a fire starts. Know how to work the fire extinguisher before the fire starts. Make yourself familiar with the nearest exit.

Have an emergency exit plan. Be sure all members of your household know it. Have a place for all members of the household to meet, so it can be known when all are accounted for.

Look for fire hazards Worn electrical cords and inflammable materials stored incorrectly can cause fires. Store combustible or flammable liquids in original containers or one approved for such materials. Do not store these items near exits, passageways, or stairways. Keep out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources.

Keep flammable liquids and vapors away from sources of ignition. Use these materials only in a well ventilated area.

Test smoke detectors Test these on a regular basis. Change batteries at least once yearly.

SERVICE COLUMN

This column is intended as a service to residents who need small odd jobs done as well as to folks who are available to do the jobs.

If you wish to post a notice of availability to do this type of work please call the village office at 529-3352. We are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Yard work, leaf removal, light carpentry & odd jobs. Mark Claycomb 679-0583

YESTERYEAR – 1939

The Village of Southern View was incorporated in 1939. Here are a few other events of that year:

THE WHITE HOUSE:

- Franklin Roosevelt was president.
- National Debt was at \$40,378,000,000.

THE WAR

- The Nazis were strengthening their hold on Europe
- France & Britain reaffirmed their pledge to aid Poland and declared war on Germany
- Because of the war, no Nobel Peace Prize was awarded.

A REMINDER TO THE FOLKS IN THE 3400 BLOCKS OF SPRING & COLLEGE

As much as we wish you folks were part of our village, we must remind you that you are actually in the city of Springfield. Therefore, it is illegal for you to burn at any time. Also you will need to follow Springfield's directions regarding leaf pickup, etc.

\$100 SURCHARGE IF YOU NEGLECT TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT

Ordinance Number 06-09-01 provides that if a building permit is not gotten before a project is begun a surcharge of \$100.00 will be assessed. Sadly, there has been several occasions recently when this has occurred and the surcharge has been assessed. Folks, all it takes is a phone call to find out whether a building permit is needed. You can either call the Trustee in charge of Zoning, John VanLeer or you can call the village office. The office is open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday.

GUMBALLS, WALNUTS & ACORNS

When you are doing your yard cleanup, remember that gumballs walnuts and acorns are legally garbage. You do not need to put them in a separate container like you do yard waste. They can simply go in your regular garbage and left for your disposal company.

HOLIDAY CRIME ALERT

Often the season of good cheer can turn to sadness if a moment of carelessness allows thieves to prey upon you. At this time of the year most cities and villages experience an increase in crime primarily directed towards residential thefts and burglaries. Christmas gifts are often the target of these people.

We encourage you to look out for each other. If you see suspicious activity call the police.

The following tips may help you not become a victim during the holidays:

-Secure and lock all doors and windows when leaving your residence.

-Leave a light or two on when you leave, to give the illusion that someone is there. The cost of the electricity is small compared to burglary.

-Never leave your purse in a shopping cart while shopping, or placed in the cart while unloading groceries. It makes a prime target for purse snatchers.

-Always keep bicycles, sleds, snow blowers, etc. in a garage or shed and keep it locked.

-When transporting gifts, etc., cover the property with a blanket if you intend to be out of the automobile.

-Lock your car, even if you intend to be out of your car only a few minutes.

-Lock your car doors when driving. A thief can open a door at a stop and grab a purse or property.

-If you plan a trip over the holidays, stop paper and mail deliveries or arrange for a neighbor to pick them up.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Future Meetings Information:

Tuesday, January 8, 2008 -- 6:30 pm

Springfield Church of Christ

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 – 6:30 pm

Springfield Church of Christ

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – 6:30 pm TBA

SANGAMON CO. 911 ADDRESSES

Mr. Mike Lopez, Field Address Research Assistant for the Sangamon County 911 system is currently verifying addresses in Southern View, Jerome, Leland Grove, and Grandview. In doing so he has found that there are many houses that do not have house numbers displayed at all and many more are too small to be legible. Do not wait until an emergency hits your home or your family to realize how important it is for an emergency vehicle to be able to find your residence readily

SOUTHERN VIEW SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: It is hard to believe the first semester is a few week from completion. It has been a busy 18 weeks. Recently the school modified our student focus to read:

When I read, I will: Think about it, Talk about it, Write about it. I will understand what I read.

Our students can all say it and are doing it everyday in every class—just ask them!! Other highlights include a new resource model helping children inside the classroom starting in first grade, our Dynamic Indicator of Basic Early Learning (DIBELS) scores continue to improve, our ISAT scores were very good again: 69% in reading and 79% in math, our school being recognized as a “Spotlight” School for the third year in a row!!!, new PTC T-shirt design with hooded sweatshirts are available, a successful read-in, and in increase in overall Respectful STAR behavior—we really are very thankful for our students and families. These are but a few highlights from a wonderful year of learning here at Southern View.

SCHOOL NEWS: Our Holiday program will be performed by our K-2 grade students on December 11—cars will again be parked all over as we are limited on parking and the field is not an option at night in cold weather—we will again encourage NO parking in Dollar General.

The PTC is planning a potluck in January for all families to become a part of the PTC in the New Year, and we will have some type of student performances.

Our Winter break starts on December 14 at 2:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

4th - Noon Dismissal

11th - Holiday Program K-2

14th - 2:30 dismissal for Winter break

17th to Jan 8th Winter break

17th – 21st. School office open

JANUARY

8th - RETURN FROM BREAK

21st - No School MLK

22nd - PTC potluck meeting 6:15 p.m. in gym

31st - Noon dismissal

A few Family programs are being planned for January and February, so check the STAR or go online at

www.springfield.k12.il.us/schools/sview

A STAR SHONE

**--MORE THAN 2000 YEARS AGO
by-Martha Kurtz**

The wondrous star appeared in the sky over the vast prairie which would one day include Illinois, Springfield, and Southern View--

The prairie lay in darkness, a lone teepee in the middle of a tree lined clearance. Its occupants slept soundly in the night. And, Lo, a wondrous star appeared in the sky casting a strange glow over the land. It moved slowly, slowly across the sky ever Westward.

Three owls flew in from the East and settled in the snow covered branches of a large evergreen tree. They seemed to be conversing quietly to themselves as they watched the star.

Slowly the rest of the occupants of the land began to stir. A little squirrel peeped its sleepy head out of the nest made in a hollow tree, wondering at the strange glow in the night sky. Slowly it made its way to the snowy ground and stood in awe, watching the wondrous star.

A doe and her baby stepped out of the tree line and stood quietly, too awed by the star to worry about other creatures. A lone wolf appeared at the edge of the forest, unmindful of the deer or the teepee. It settled quietly to watch the star that made its way across the sky. A white buffalo came to join the crowd as they stood enraptured at the wondrous sight.

And the three owls rustled their feathers, preening as they looked around for something—something—something.

Soon the tree line was filled with all the forest creatures watching the star and wondering.

Finally, an Indian Brave stepped out of his wigwam, too intent to even notice the animals standing at the edge of the area. Wrapped in furs, he stepped back inside to summon his squaw who joined him, holding her baby wrapped warmly in furs. They stood as enraptured as the animals of the forest—wondering what the star meant.

The three owls became more and more intense as they sat there. Finally one flew to the edge of the ice covered stream, searching until it found a certain stone that shone brightly with golden flecks like sunshine. Satisfied, it rejoined the other owls.

A second owl chose to pickup a cluster of holly with bright red berries clustered in it.

The third owl chose two eagle feathers, that were fit for a king.

The owls sat in the tree watching the star and conversing quietly as the creatures, great and small, began a slow hum as though they could hear music and voices singing. The star moved ever onward towards the West.

The animal voices, joined by those of the Indian family rose to a crescendo of praise just as the three wise owls carrying their special gifts from the prairie, rose in a giant flutter of wings and flew straight into the Western sky, following the star that would shine over Bethlehem.

And Christmas came to the prairie.

BOXES FOR THE TROOPS

Mrs. Seaver and her group will be sending boxes of “goodies” and needed hygiene items to our Southern View troops in “Harm’s Way”. So far, we are aware of four (4). If you know of neighbors, family, or friends in Iraq, Kuwait or Afghanistan please give their name and complete address with the APO/AE (zip codes) and they will be included.

Just drop the information by the Village Office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.